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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, MEDCOM Major Subordinate Commands Directors, OTSG/MEDCOM OneStaff

SUBJECT: Prevention of Drunk Driving – Breathalyzer Pilot Project

- 1. I am launching a Breathalyzer Pilot Project (BPP) within MEDCOM to support the Army Chief of Staff's Safety and Occupational Health Strategic Plan. By 31 December 2006 I want every MEDCOM Soldier and civilian employee to receive a personal breathalyzer device and training on the significant impact of alcohol on driving abilities.
- 2. The breathalyzers will be sent to you through our medical logistics channels within the next two weeks. A training video and briefing are available on the AMEDD Center and School website at: http://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/medcomsafety/index.asp.
- 3. Although these breathalyzers can be used to measure breath alcohol content, their sole purpose is to serve as a constant reminder not to drink and drive. We will not provide filter refills or replacement breathalyzers.
- 4. To assess the effectiveness of this initiative, I want you to report the number of personnel who received the breathalyzer and training as well as the number of driving-under-the-influence (DUI) or driving-while-intoxicated (DWI) citations in your command from 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2006. Later, we will compare the data to the DUI and DWI rates for the same time period in 2007. Please provide the requested program information to Mr. Larry Whisenant, larry.whisenant@amedd.army.mil. Suspense for this action is 12 January 2007.
- 5. Thank you for your support on this important initiative.

Lieutenant General, MC

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